

The Supplemental Transportation Rural Assistance Program (STRAP)

STRAP is a public transit program in Wisconsin designed to: (1) provide more transit service and mobility to rural areas and (2) promote coordination between specialized and public transportation in rural areas.

Program Overview

- STRAP emphasizes projects where rural populations are served, coordination exists between transportation services, the needs of non-ambulatory customers are addressed, and planning processes encourage public participation in the communities served.
- STRAP projects must serve rural or non-urban areas with less than 50,000 in population.
- The 3 categories of eligible projects are:
 - (1) Planning – Planning studies and operational planning
 - (2) Expansion – Supplement/Expand existing service in non-urban areas
 - (3) New Starts – Start up of new service in rural communities
- Eligible applicants are local public bodies.
- Projects are required to comply with the regulatory requirements of the existing Section 5311 rural transit program.
- In Federal Fiscal Year 2007, WisDOT was granted \$2 million in STRAP funds. An additional \$2 million is authorized in FFY's 2008 and 2009.
- STRAP funding covers 80% of net operating project costs.

Tentative Program Timeline

WisDOT anticipates completion and release of the application materials in June 2007. Detailed application information and forms with which to apply will be available on WisDOT's website:

<http://www.dot.wisconsin.gov/localgov/transit/strap.htm>

Application Release – June 2007

Application Due Date – September 14, 2007

Notification of Project Awards – November 9, 2007

Project Implementation – January 1, 2008

Note: These dates are based on our best information at this time and may be subject to change.

If you have any questions about STRAP, please feel free to email Becky Soderholm at becky.soderholm@dot.state.wi.us or call (608) 266-1650.

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